

(b) The range of wholesale price per quintal for the four major centres during 1989-90 and 1990-91 was as under:-

	<i>Centre</i>	<i>Year</i>	1989-90	1990-91
(i)	Hyderabad		Rs.700-740	Rs. 998-1125
(ii)	Bombay		Rs. 1000-1525	Rs. 1250-1550
(iii)	Barhampur (Orissa)		Rs. 800-1040	Rs. 780-1200
(iv)	Kanpur		Rs. 755-1135	Rs. 1260-1450

Commission Paid to Foreign Agents

6958. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed by NAFED for appointing foreign agents;

(b) the number of foreign agents at present on the panel of NAFED and for which commodities; and

(c) the total commission paid to these

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agents, commodity-wise during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Business Committee of NAFED's Board of Directors appoints foreign agents.

(b) NAFED does not maintain any panel of agents. NAFED has however, appointed one agent for procuring business for onion exports and has selling agency agreement with Universal Cooperatives Inc., USA for export of niger seeds.

Commission Paid
(In Rupees Lakh)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Onion</i>	<i>Nigerseeds</i>
1988-89	41.65	39.32
1989-90	9.96	28.70
1990-91	97.11	37.73

SC/ST Employees Recruited in NAFED

6959. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) the number of persons appointed in NAFED in various cadres during last three years; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates among them?